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The Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations has the honour to submit the following report in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of Security Council resolution 724 (1991).

Already in July 1991, the Government of Austria took measures which, after the imposition of a general and complete embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia by Security Council resolution 713 (1991) of 25 September 1991, are serving to implement paragraph 6 of that resolution.

1. On 10 July 1991, the Austrian Federal Government made use of the autnority granted to it by the Federal Law of 1977 concerning the export, import and transit of weapons and military equipment, and adopted a decree which generally prohibits any export of weapons and military equipment as well as of civil arms and civil ammunition to Yugoslavia. Any violation of the provisions of this decree is subject to specific penal sanctions.

2. Legal transactions or activities relating to the export of weapons, ammunition and explosives to Yugoslavia are also fully covered by the decree of the Austrian Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of 12 July 1991 under the Foreign Trade Act 1984. This decree declares all such legal transactions or activities subject to prior permission by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs.

It follows from the foregoing that Austria has implemented the mandatory embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Yugoslavia adopted by the Security Council in paragraph 6 of resolution 713 (1991). As to the general position of Austria concerning the implementation of mandatory sanctions adopted by the competent organ of the United Nations, reference is made to the Austrian reply relating to the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990).

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